

Hamilton County Commissioners' Meeting
P.O. Box 1167
Syracuse, KS 67878
Meeting Place—Commissioner Room
Hamilton County Courthouse
April 1, 2014
8:30 a.m.

Keith A. Puckett, Chairman
John R. Simon, Vice-Chairman
Randall C. Braddock, Commissioner
Nikki Schwerdfeger, Commissioner
Rob Gale, Attorney
Angie Moser, County Clerk

Commissioner Puckett called the Meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. with four Commissioners present.

AGENDA: Commissioner Simon moved to approve the agenda as presented. Commissioner Braddock seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

PRIOR MINUTES: Commissioner Puckett moved to approve the March 18, 2014 Commissioner Meeting Minutes as presented. Commissioner Simon seconded the Motion and it was approved with three "ayes" and one abstention.

PUBLIC CONCERNS: Dusty Dowd asked if a burn ban was in effect. The Commissioners informed him the County did have a burn ban in effect. Mr. Dowd also informed he is willing to assist with any fire, but he will have to start charging for his fuel costs. The Commissioners will discuss with Rural Fire Chief Ed Baker about reimbursing Dusty for his fuel.

LESLIE CARLHOLM: Ms. Carlholm, Community Development Director, informed the Commissioners that the Neighborhood Revitalization Plan (NRP) has been approved by the Attorney General and filed with the Secretary of State and Register of Deeds Office. She presented copies of the NRP brochure and the application procedure forms. The NRP will be in effect as of April 1, 2014.

PRIDE COMMITTEE: Mark Davis, and Randy Levens with the Pride Committee and Kenny Bridges, USD 494 Superintendent, gave a presentation on the School Bond issue up for election on May 6, 2014.

SHERIFF'S DEPT: Sheriff Richard Garza and Undersheriff Nick Krug discussed the changes being implemented to address budget concerns by eliminating overtime and patrol car mileage restrictions.

BRYAN COFFEE: Mr. Coffee, Hamilton County Hospital Administrator, presented February financial and statistical reports. Also, the Hospital Board has approved the purchase of a MRI unit through GE Finance.

Commissioner Braddock left the meeting at 10:45 a.m.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY: Jason Ochs, Eddie George, Marcia Ashmore, Rusty Wharton, and Charles Whittaker, Historical Society Board Members, asked if the County would be interested in having the Museum management position as a County paid position. Attorney Gale advised under the current structure of the Museum operating under their own as a non-profit entity of Hamilton County Historical Society, the museum manager cannot be a County paid employee. Attorney Gale advised the Historical Society Board to contact other local museums to see how their employees are paid and if they are a County run facility and report back to the Commission.

5-YEAR PLAN: The 5-year plan was reviewed.

ROAD PROJECT LIST: The Road Project List was reviewed.

Commissioner Braddock rejoined the meeting at 11:15 a.m.

VIP VAN: Commissioner Simon discussed the VIP van issue with the new director Jennifer Brucker. Ms. Brucker is going to check into other options and report back to Commissioner Simon.

ABATEMENTS: After review, Commissioner Simon moved to accept Abatement Nos. 130072 through 130073. Commissioner Puckett seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

WARRANTS: After review and discussion, Commissioner Puckett moved to approve the Warrants in the amount of \$80,687.16 and the Appropriations in the amount of \$312,124.75. Commissioner Braddock seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

HOSPITAL NO-FUND WARRANTS: None.

COMMISSIONER REPORT: Commissioner Schwerdfeger discussed the Prairie Chicken issue. Commissioner Braddock discussed a bill being introduced regarding the oil and gas depletion fund.

As there was no more business to come before the meeting, Commissioner Schwerdfeger moved for adjournment. Commissioner Puckett seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

ATTEST:

County Clerk

Commissioner

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